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FROM PRIME MINISTER THATCHER
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN
DEAR RON

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE TELLING ME OF YOUR DECISION TO LIFT
THE SANCTIONS IMPOSED IN DECEMBER AND JUNE. THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS.
I AM PLEASED THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A
COMMON APPROACH TO THE HANDLING OF EAST/WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS,
PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN WE MUST BE SEEN TO BE STANDING
TOGETHER.

I AGREE WITH THE WAY YOU PROPOSE TO HANDLE THE ANNOUNCEMENT
AND THAT THE NON-PAPER OR SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AS IT HAS COME
TO BE CALLED SHOULD BE PUBLISHED. WE HAD ALREADY ASKED OUR
AMBASSADOR IN PARIS TO URGE THIS COURSE ON THE FRENCH.

AS TO THE FUTURE, ALTHOUGH AS GEORGE SHULTZ KNOWS WE CANNOT
BE COMMITTED IN ADVANCE TO THE OUTCOME, I WILL INSTRUCT MY OFFICIALS
TO CONTRIBUTE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE AGREED
PROGRAMME OF WORK.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND WORDS ABOUT THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION.
FOR OUR PART WE HAVE ADMIRERD THE ROLE PLAYED BY GEORGE SHULTZ AND
YOUR SENIOR OFFICIALS IN STEERING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THIS
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

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BY RW NARA DATE 2-5-10

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TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
SUBJECT: EAST WEST RELATIONS

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TO WHITE HOUSE
MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

DEAR TOM,
I THINK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT EAST WEST RELATIONS FOLLOWING
THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR US
ALL AND IT IS MOST USEFUL TO HAVE YOUR OWN ASSESSMENT SO
PROMPTLY.
I WOULD VERY STRONGLY WISH ALL FOUR VIEWS, IN PARTICULAR THE
WILL TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE NEW SOVIET LEADERS THAT A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE
EAST/WEST RELATIONSHIP IS AVAILABLE IF THEY ARE WILLING TO
ADOPT A NEW APPROACH. I SHALL, AS YOU SUGGEST, MAKE THE POINT IN
A SPEECH IN THE CITY OF LONDON ON 15 NOVEMBER.
I WOULD ALSO ABOUT THE OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF WESTERN UNITY AT
THIS PARTICULAR TIME. IF THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN MOSCOW WERE GIVEN
ANY REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT THEY COULD ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES BY
DIVIDING THE WEST, WE SHOULD HAVE LOST WHAT COULD BE A UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR
OF THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN WASHINGTON IN THE DISCUSSIONS
ABOUT ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARDS THE EAST. THIS WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO

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